

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 2008

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on February 14, 2008.

The following members were present: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Ed Perry, and Mr. George Walker. The following members were absent: *Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.*

SBCJC Staff present: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Jason Pugh, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Larry Day, and Mrs. Janet Dominy, and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Guest present: Dr. Reggie Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Mr. Walker opened the meeting by welcoming Dr. Eric Clark as the new Executive Director of the SBCJC.

Dr. Clark stated that he was pleased and honored to be on the SBCJC team and that this has been one of the most exciting things that has ever happened to him in his professional life.

Dr. Clark stated that he has been very impressed with the staff and their work ethic. He expressed thanks to the four associate executive directors for their kindness and helpfulness.

Dr. Clark introduced Mrs. Missy Saxton as the new executive assistant.

Dr. Clark stated that he has spent a good deal of time on the road and at the Capitol. He shared that he has been reading a lot of information and asking lots of questions. Dr. Clark said he would provide more details in the Friday morning meeting.

Dr. Jason Pugh presented the Career and Technical report, specifically, the Prison Report. The research for this project began in August 2007. Since that time, a great deal of research has been done. The SBCJC is now at a point where it needs to consider what it is going to do with this information. Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) can provide some funds for prison training, as well as Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC.) Together those two entities provide \$1.4 million. A total of \$1.7 million is needed to carry out this program. If SBCJC proceeds with this project, the training programs would become a part of the Career Tech programs at three community college institutions; Jones County Junior College (JCJC) , Hinds Community College (Hinds) and Mississippi Delta Community College(MDCC). These colleges cannot successfully operate the prison program with the funds they have now.

Mr. Walker asked if the Legislature should be approached about funding for this program.

Dr. Clark stated there are two possible funding sources, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) and the Legislature. Dr. Clark stated at the Senate hearing presentation that he asked about funding for this prison program. Dr. Clark advised the Senators how much money this program would cost.

Dr. Pugh concluded that it would be very difficult to piece-meal this program. Research efforts have arrived at an "all or nothing scenario." MDOC came to SBCJC three years ago and asked SBCJC to be involved. For three years, research information has been provided with no action taken on MDOC's part. There is no benefit of this project to the community college community. The benefit is the end result for the student in the prison system. If an agency is serious about the success of this prison program project, they will have to be dedicated and provide funding.

The consensus of the SBCJC board was that this is a great project, but it was best to leave it in the hands of the Legislature now.

Dr. Reggie Sykes of IHL, presented a report on the state-wide electronic transcript process. The recommendation from the task force is for E-Scriptsafe because it can be used now, it is affordable and simple to use.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the **Finance** agenda items as follows:

Attachment 1 shows the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for February 29, 2008, in the total amount of \$3,066,095.00.

Attachment 2 shows the Education Enhancement Fund Reductions.

Attachment 3a and 3b

Financial Statements for Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of January 31, 2008.

Attachment 4 - SBCJC has fidelity bond coverage for staff and board members. The premium is \$943.00, liability up to \$250,000.00 and a \$2,500.00 deductible.

Attachment 5-Dr. Day presented the information Quarterly Capital Improvement Report and will provide more detail on Friday.

Attachment 6-Request for purchasing approval for 30 new Dell workstations at \$995.00 each, for a total of \$29,850.00, from Venture Technology.

Mr. Walker asked if there were any additional items that needed to be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by:


Missy Saxton